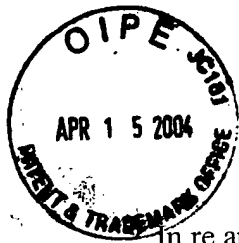


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 14, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response running to and including April 14, 2004, Applicants respond as follows: